GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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SHORTAGE OF ANTI EPILEPSY DRUGS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is acute shortage of Anti-epilepsy drugs;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to provide the drugs to the patients on priority?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN):

(a) to (c) The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) monitors the shortage and availability of medicines based on the monthly reports received from State Drugs Controllers, NGOs and Puplic Complaints etc. In the recent past, NPPA has not received any report of acute shortage of Anti-epilepsy drugs from any of the State Drugs Controllers and other sources. It is, however, mentioned that as and when the reports of shortage of any particular drug(s) are received, in any part of the country, immediately the concerned company is advised to rush the stock and to make the drug available.